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### **ASI Opens Craft Center Specialty Classes to the Public as Well as Students**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Associated Students, Inc.

(ASI) Craft Center is expanding its offerings with one-day specialty workshops designed to teach the basics of numerous arts and crafts techniques. These workshops are an exciting new addition to the variety of services already offered by the Craft Center. Signups have already begun, and prices for the workshops vary from \$6 to \$35. All materials are included in the cost of the workshop.

Student instructors have long been interested in offering different types of classes, wanting to pass on their unique skills and passion for their craft. The currently scheduled workshops cover a variety of topics, including crocheting, papermaking, tempura batik painting on paper, jewelry fabrication techniques, bookbinding, beaded jewelry, and flameworking; more workshops will be added throughout the quarter. Student instructors with several years' experience in their specialty area will teach the workshops. One special workshop, focusing on more advanced techniques, will be taught by a professional in the glass area.

The one or two day structure of these workshops makes them accessible to people who desire to use the Craft Center but cannot make the time or financial commitment to the six-week classes typically offered. "The Craft Center has never offered services like this before," said Jenny Gaunt, student manager of the Craft Center. "They allow people who don't have a lot of time to come in and enjoy themselves for a day or two." Participants will come away from the workshop with a new skill learned and a handmade piece of art either finished or in process.

The workshops are open to the general public, and all ages and ability levels are encouraged to participate. All workshops will be held in the Craft Center, located downstairs in the University Union on Cal Poly's campus. For more information, including full descriptions and workshop schedules, go to <http://asi.calpoly.edu/uu/craftcenter/specialty.php> or call the Craft Center at (805) 756-1266.

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